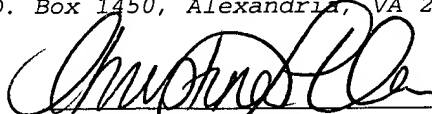


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In response to the Final Office action of December 6, 2004, Applicants enclose herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the appropriate fees and respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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